

Curriculum Vitae J. Michael Vecchio, Ph.D.

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Education

- 2014 Ph.D., *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, University of Missouri-St. Louis
The Role of Violence within and across Self-identified Gang Youth.
Finn-Aage Esbensen (Chair), Beth M. Huebner, Terrance J. Taylor,
Jody Miller (Rutgers University), & Dena C. Carson (Indiana University
Indianapolis)
- 2008 M.S.C.J., *Criminal Justice*, Bowling Green State University
Do Unto Others: Correlations Between Specific Juvenile Delinquency and
Victimization Experiences.
Steven P. Lab (Chair) & Michael E. Buerger
- 2007 B.S.C.J., *Criminal Justice (magna cum laude)*, Bowling Green State University
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- 2024 *Ignatian Pedagogy Certificate*, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy,
Loyola University Chicago
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Substantive Interests

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| ▪ Youth Violence & Victimization | ▪ Youth Gangs |
| ▪ Causes & Consequences of Victimization | ▪ Community & Social Justice |
| ▪ Research & Evaluation Methods | ▪ Qualitative Methods |
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Current Academic Appointment

2026 – Present *Teaching Associate Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology,
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago

Prior Academic Appointments

- 2022 – 2026 *Lecturer*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, and
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago
- 2021 – 2022 *Professional Lecturer*, Department of Criminology,
DePaul University
- 2014 – 2021 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, and
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago
- 2013 – 2014 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice,
Western Carolina University
- 2011 *Instructor*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice,
University of Missouri-St. Louis
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Refereed Journal Articles

- Vecchio, J. Michael**, and Dena C. Carson. 2023. Understanding the role of violence and conflict across the gang tenure. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 21(1):27-43. [[Publisher link](#)]
- Vecchio, J. Michael**. 2013. Once bitten, thrice wise: The varying effects of victimization on routine activities and risk management. *Deviant Behavior* 34(3):169-190. [[Publisher link](#); [eCommons link](#)]
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Book Chapters

- Carson, Dena C., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2025. Understanding Gang Violence: Extent, Causes, Consequences, and Solutions. In the *Research Handbook on Violent Crime and Society*, eds. Wendy C. Regoeczi and Terance D. Miethe: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited. [[Publisher link](#); [Google Books link](#)]
- Carson, Dena C., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2015. Leaving the gang: A review and thoughts on future research. In *The Wiley Handbook of Gangs*, eds. Scott H. Decker and David C. Pyrooz, New York: Wiley-Blackwell. [[eCommons link](#); [Google Books link](#)]
- Taylor, Terrance J., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2014. Youth Gangs: An Overview of Key Findings and Directions for the Future. In *Violent Offenders: Understanding and Assessment*, eds. Christina A. Pietz and Curtis A. Mattson, New York: Oxford University Press. [[eCommons link](#); [Google Books link](#)]

Technical Reports & Other Publications

Vecchio, J. Michael. 2010. “Messin’ with drugs...you could lose your life”: The effect of victimization on routine activities and risk management. In *Men’s Drug Use and Re-Entry Challenges in St. Louis: The Role and Impact of the Gateway Foundation*, ed. Jody Miller. Research report submitted to the Gateway Foundation, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. [[eCommons link](#)]

Miller, Jody, Debarr, Mark, Namgung, Hyon, **Vecchio, J. Michael**, and Stephanie Wiley. 2010. Study Methodology. In *Men’s Drug Use and Re-Entry Challenges in St. Louis: The Role and Impact of the Gateway Foundation*, ed. Jody Miller. Research report submitted to the Gateway Foundation, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. [[eCommons link](#)]

Vecchio, J. Michael. 2010. Moving from the Masters to Doctoral Level. In *The MCJA Minute* 1(1), ed. **J. Michael Vecchio**. Original contribution to the newsletter of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

Research & Grant Experience

2017 – 2021 *Supporting Researcher*, BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violence Engagement) Minority Youth Violence Prevention funded by the Office of Minority Health, \$1,700,000 (YEPMP170101). Principal Investigator: Caleb K. Kim.

2011 – 2013 *Research Assistant*, A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$501,337 (2011-MU-MU-0027). Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2008 – 2013 *Research Assistant*, Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$2,497,585 (2006-JV-FX-0011). Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2010 *Interviewer*, Men’s Drug Use, Crime, and the Efficacy of Treatment funded by the University of Missouri-St. Louis (Grant Incentive Fund). Principal Investigator: Jody Miller.

Unfunded Proposals

2017 *Investigator Development Core*, PEACE (Positive Effective Adolescent Connections for Empowerment) Institute at Loyola University Chicago. Unfunded – National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities. Principal Investigator: Maryse Richards.

Research & Grant Experience (cont.)

Unfunded Proposals (cont.)

- 2014 *Supporting Researcher*, Process and Outcome Evaluation of the G.R.E.A.T. Families Component. Unfunded – National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Chris Melde.

Supervised Student Research

Loyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Faculty Advisor* (CJC 408) – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Sanchez, Alicia. *An Examination on Gang Involvement and its Impact on Youth Levels of Offending*, October 2023 to May 2024.
- 2025 – Present *Faculty Reader* (CJC 408) – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Shahar, Karni. *Intimate Partner Violence*, January 2026 to Present.
 - Gerbick, Rebekah (Beki). *Quality Friendships, Peer Behavior, and Delinquency*, January to May 2025.
- 2016 Konefal, Kaitlyn Ann. School-based bullying: An overview of trends, problems, and steps towards a better future. – Poster Presentation – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL.
- *Honorable Mention – Undergraduate Student Paper Award***
- 2014 – 2017 *Faculty Research Advisor* – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Fahrner, Meggie. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 384 hours), August 2016 to May 2017.
 - Mahoney, Meghan. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 55 hours), February to May 2016.
 - Wszolek, Lora. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 222 hours), August 2015 to February 2016.
 - Frutos, Vivian. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 384 hours), August 2014 to May 2015.

Western Carolina University

- 2013 Park, Chulwon, Jeong, Dayeon, and Soojin Seong. Dynamics of School Violence in Korean Middle Schools. – Poster Presentation – American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Supervised Student Research (cont.)

Western Carolina University (cont.)

- 2013 – 2014 *Undergraduate Honors Research Projects – The Honors College, Western Carolina University (WCU)*
- Atha, Sutton. Field Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice in Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280), Spring 2014.
- 2013 – 2014 *Undergraduate Honors Research Projects – The Honors College, WCU (cont.)*
- Chase, Kayla. Field Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice in Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280), Spring 2014.
 - Jaynes, Emily. Human Trafficking of United States Youth in Victimology (CJ 310), Spring 2014.
 - Lindsey, David. Domestic Partner Victimization in Victimology (CJ 310), Spring 2014.
 - Denver, Ryan. School-based bullying: A deep look into the epidemic in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.
 - Marshall, Katie. Intimate partner violence in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.
 - McKerlie, Rebecca. Hate crimes against members of the LGBT community: Trends and promising avenues of prevention in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.
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Teaching Experience

- 2022 – Present Loyola University Chicago
- *Teaching Associate Professor & Associate Graduate Faculty* (2026-Present)
 - *Lecturer & Associate Graduate Faculty* (2022 – 2026)
- Undergraduate:
- *Criminal Justice in a Global Context* (CJC 101) – 12 times
 - *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201) – 9 times
 - *Policing* (CJC 203) – 2 times
 - *Gangs* (CJC 352) – 3 times
 - *Crime Prevention* (CJC 366) – 2 times
 - *Victimology* (CJC 371) – 2 times
- Graduate:
- *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 402) – 1 time

Teaching Experience (cont.)

2021 – 2022	<i>Professional Lecturer, DePaul University</i>	
	▪ <i>The Criminal Legal System</i> (CRIM 101)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Criminology Goes to the Movies</i> (CRIM 107)	– 2 times
	▪ <i>Gangs in Society</i> (CRIM 215)	– 2 times
	▪ <i>Juvenile Justice</i> (CRIM 235)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Victimology</i> (CRIM 305)	– 3 times
2014 – 2021	<i>Assistant Professor & Associate Graduate Faculty, Loyola University Chicago</i>	
	<u>Undergraduate:</u>	
	▪ <i>The Criminal Justice System</i> (CJC 101)	– 5 times
	▪ <i>Theories of Criminal Behavior</i> (CJC 201)	– 8 times
	▪ <i>Juvenile Justice System</i> (CJC 302)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Gangs</i> (CJC 352)	– 5 times
	▪ <i>Crime Prevention</i> (CJC 366)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Victimology</i> (CJC 371)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Juvenile Delinquency</i> (CJC 395)	– 1 time
	<u>Graduate:</u>	
	▪ <i>Theories of Criminal Behavior</i> (CJC 402)	– 5 times
2013 – 2014	<i>Assistant Professor, Western Carolina University</i>	
	▪ <i>Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice</i> (CJ 280)	– 2 times
	▪ <i>Victimology</i> (CJ 310)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Violence in American Society</i> (CJ 351)	– 1 time
	▪ <i>Crime Prevention</i> (CJ 493)	– 1 time
2011	<i>Instructor, University of Missouri-St. Louis</i>	
	▪ <i>Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice</i> (CRIM 2210)	– 1 time
2004 – 2006	<i>Co-Facilitator, Bowling Green State University</i>	
	▪ <i>University Success</i> (UNIV 100)	– 3 times

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended

2026 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Conference.

2025 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Conference.

- Mentoring Across Generation: Shaping Students, Scholars, & Careers
- Enhancing Classroom Teaching with Real-World Experiences
- Assistant Professors in Action: Adjusting & Academic Culture
- Criminal Justice Education: Innovations in Pedagogy, Assessment, & Program Excellence

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2024 The Academic Labor Movement Now (2024-25 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series), Department of History, College of Humanities & Fine Arts, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- 2024 MCJA Annual Conference.
- Enhancing Education with VR, Core Courses, and Interactive Assessments
 - Being a Peer Reviewer for Criminology and Criminal Justice Journals: Strategies and Approaches
 - Enhancing Classroom Teaching with Real-World Experiences
- 2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “Cura Personalis” to Classroom Strategies, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “Accompaniment” to Classroom Strategies, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “Contemplatives in Action” to Classroom Strategies, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Ignatian Pedagogy and Related Pedagogical Theories: Feminist Pedagogy and Environmentalism, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Ignatian Pedagogy and Related Pedagogical Theories: Anti-racist Pedagogy, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 MCJA Annual Conference.
- The Role of “War Stories” in the Teaching-Learning Process: Instruction Craft or Crap?
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy Unicorns: Examining the Differences Between Theory and Practice in the Classroom
 - Criminal Justice Education: A Look Back to the Future
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy
- 2023 Introduction to Ignatian Pedagogy, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Union Steward Training, LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU).
- 2023 Seeing the Whole Student, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Working Effectively with Graduate Students, the Graduate School; Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2023 Weaving Ignatian Pedagogy into Your Course Design: Course Policies and Syllabus, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 What Makes Teaching at Loyola Different?, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Protecting Academic Freedom, Empowering Muslim Students After the Hamline Controversy, Center for Security, Race, & Rights; School of Law, Rutgers University.
- 2023 Every Semester Needs a Plan/Guided Semester Planning Workshop, Center for Faculty Excellence; Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 Inclusive Hiring, Division of Human Resources; Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 Classroom Disengagement: Strategies and Supports for Instructors, Academic Affairs; Office of Online Learning; Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy; Wellness Center; Dean of Students; Student Accessibility Center, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 MCJA Annual Conference.
 - Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy
 - A Discussion on Mentoring Students
- 2022 Specifications Grading and Assessment Innovation, Office for Online Learning; Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, & Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 Managing Zoom Fatigue, Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2022 Consistent Course Design Using D2L Templates, Teaching Commons; Center for Teaching & Learning, DePaul University.
- 2022 Negotiating Identity in the Classroom and the Community, Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning, DePaul University.
- 2022 Building Your Capacity for Student Course Reflection, Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning, DePaul University.
- 2021 Classroom Technology Training, Information Services; Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 How to Leverage D2L to Create a Course that “Sparks Joy”, Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2021 Teaching Forward: Keeping the Best of Our Pandemic Pedagogy, Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 Audio and Video Assignments Made Easy, Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 Mental Wellness among Young Scholars, MCJA Annual Conference.
- 2021 Supporting Teaching at DePaul, Center for Teaching & Learning; University Center for Writing-Based Learning, DePaul University.
- 2021 Supporting Minority Students & Junior Faculty: Understanding How to be an Ally, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology.
- 2021 Bullying in Academia, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology.
- 2020 Educating for Justice, Wholeness, & Liberation Teaching through Sentipensante Pedagogy Workshop, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity; Office of Academic Diversity, Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2019 Odyssey Project Envisioning Workshop: Reimagining Freedom Workshop, Envisioning Justice; Illinois Humanities; Safety & Justice Challenge, MacArthur Foundation.
- 2015 Getting it Right: Ethics for Social Service Providers Workshop, Counseling Center & Department of Psychology–Clinical Program, Bowling Green State University.
- 2014 Focus on Teaching and Learning Workshop, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2014 Supporting Student Success Workshop, Division of Student Success, Western Carolina University.
- 2013 Liberal Studies Advising Workshop, Advising Center, Western Carolina University.
- 2013 Coulter Faculty Commons Day Workshop, Coulter Faculty Commons for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Western Carolina University.
- 2013 Supporting You & Supporting Students Matter Workshop, Western Carolina University.
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Invited Presentations

- 2018 Delinquency & Drift in *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201), Loyola University Chicago.

Invited Presentations (cont.)

- 2018 The Role & Influence of Gangs in Youth Behavior & Violence, Civitas ChildLaw Center – School of Law, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2016 Youth Gang Joining & Leaving: Motivations & Methods in ‘*Community Gang Education & Awareness, Course II*’, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office – Community Justice Center-South Side & Chicago Police Department – 22nd District.
- 2014 National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program & A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance in Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280), Western Carolina University.
- 2012 Youth Gangs in *Juvenile Justice* (CRJ 123), St. Louis Community College–Meramec.
- 2012 National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program in *Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice* (CRIM 2210), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Youth Gangs in *Violence in America* (CRIM 1150), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Youth Violence in *Violence in America* (CRIM 1150), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Juvenile Corrections & Aftercare in *Juvenile Justice & Delinquency* (CRIM 3270), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Gang Delinquency in *Juvenile Justice & Delinquency* (CRIM 3270), University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Professional Presentations

- 2026 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Region 3 Business Meeting – Midwest. – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 **Vecchio, J. Michael**, Stemen, Don D., and Dave E. Olson. Sentencing the emerging adult: The effects of age, race, and gender on sentence outcomes in Illinois. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Stash, duck, and dash: Strategies to elude the police. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Owens, Jennifer Gatewood, and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Is gang victimization more detrimental?: An exploration of gang violence using the NCVS. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Professional Presentations (cont.)

- 2015 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Police ain't dumb—they job to catch you: Managing risk in the drug economy. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Carson, Dena C. **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Dana Peterson. The Desistance Study. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Mixed methods assessment of the role of violence and gang desistance. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Pathways into and out of youth gangs. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Terrance J. Taylor. Youth victimization and gender effects on target hardening behaviors, perceived risk, and fear of crime. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Exploring and theorizing youth gang leaving. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** Peterson, Dana, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. The apostasy of the gang: Motivations for youth gang desistance. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** “Messin’ with drugs...you could lose your life”: The effect of victimization on routine activities and risk management in the drug economy. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
Honorable Mention – Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2009 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** Esbensen, Finn-Aage, and Terrance J. Taylor. Self-control, delinquent lifestyles, and subsequent victimization. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Haberman, Cory P., and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Theft from within the ivory tower: The proliferation of technology and campus victimization trends. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Haberman, Cory P., and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Targets of opportunity: New consumer technology and campus larceny victimization. – Poster Presentation – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Professional Presentations (cont.)

- 2008 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Do unto others: Correlations between specific juvenile delinquency and victimization experiences. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
Winner – Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2007 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Melissa W. Burek. Location, location, location: Do environmental factors influence drinking rates? – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 Burek, Melissa W., **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Hector Hernandez. Libations and locale: Structural influences on campus drinking rates. – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
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Undergraduate & Graduate Student Service

Loyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Applied Research (CJC 408) Faculty Advisor & Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2023 *Comprehensive Exam Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2014 – 2021 *Comprehensive Exam Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2019 *Faculty Representative – Majors & Minors Fair*, Student Academic Services
- 2018 *Faculty Representative – University Open House*, Office of Admissions
- 2018 *Faculty Representative – Majors & Minors Fair*, Student Academic Services
- 2017 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Faculty Reviewer – Gad J. Bensinger Graduate Award*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2015 *Faculty Representative – University Open House*, Office of Admissions
- 2014 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

DePaul University

- 2022 *Faculty Representative – Criminology Senior Night*, Department of Criminology
- 2022 *Faculty Reviewer – Outstanding Senior Award*, Department of Criminology
- 2021 *Faculty Representative – Open House*, Criminology Program

Undergraduate & Graduate Student Service

Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 *Open House Planning Committee*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2014 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2014 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2013 *Advisor in Development*, Carolina Lifting Team
- 2013 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2013 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions

Bowling Green State University

- 2013 – 2020 *ASSET Volunteer*, Office of Admissions and Office of Alumni and Development, Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
- 2009 – 2013 *Alumni Advisory Board*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 2010 – 2011 *Accredited Chapter Advisor*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
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Student Advising Service

Loyola University Chicago

- 2022 – Present *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- ◆ 536+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 41+ Letters of recommendation
 - ◆ 7+ Interviews for student class requirements
 - ◆ 2+ Interviews for student internship/employment background checks
- 2014 – 2021 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- ◆ 450+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 40+ Letters of recommendation
 - ◆ 10+ Interviews for student class requirements
 - ◆ 5+ Interviews for employment background checks

DePaul University

- 2021 – 2022 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminology
- ◆ 75+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 13 Letters of recommendation

Student Advising Service (cont.)Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 *Major Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
 ♦ 50+ Undergraduate student majors
 ♦ University *Advising Day* (October 29, 2013; February 25, 2014)
- 2013 – 2014 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
 ♦ 100+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 ♦ 3 Letters of recommendation
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Other Internal & External ServiceLoyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Union Steward*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology & LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU)
- 2023 – Present *Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2025 – 2026 *Bargaining Committee* for Collective Bargaining Agreement, LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU)
 ♦ 16+ Bargaining Sessions with University Administration
 ♦ 20+ Economic & Non-economic Proposals
 ♦ 8+ Tentative Agreements (TAs) on Proposals
 Compensation Subcommittee
- 2022 – 2023 *Search Committee Chair*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2022 – 2023 *Search Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2017 – 2021 *Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2020 – 2021 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep High School (HS), Dual Credit Program
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2016 – 2020 *Social Media Coordinator*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2019 – 2020 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program,
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2018 – 2019 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2018 *Academic Council*, College of Arts & Sciences
 Elections Committee
- 2017 – 2018 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2016 – 2017 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
 Research Methods (CJC 205)

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Loyola University Chicago (cont.)

- 2014 – 2016 *Academic Council*, College of Arts & Sciences
 Bylaws Committee
- 2016 *Course Proposal Reviewer* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program
 Research Methods (CJC 205)
- 2016 *Search Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2015 – 2016 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program
 Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2014 *Search Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2014 *Faculty Research Productivity Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

DePaul University

- 2021 – 2022 *Faculty Planning Representative* – *Crimmigration: Interrogating the Intersection of Criminal Justice & Immigration* event (Winter 2022), Department of Criminology
- 2021 *New Faculty Seminar 2021-22*, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
 Administration of Justice Admissions Committee
 Open House Planning Committee
 Web Design Committee
- 2013 – 2014 *Qualitative Research Group*, Faculty Associates for Campus Engagement

Professional & Public

- 2017 – Present *Volunteer*, Midwest Shiba Inu Rescue
- 2025 – 2026 *President*, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)
- ◆ Leadership & Committee Positions Filled
 - ◆ Membership Chair appointed (2027-2028)
 - ◆ Student Affairs Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Student Travel Scholarship awards review & modification
 - ◆ Student Paper Awards Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Student Poster Competition Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Elections for Treasurer (2026-2028) & 1st Vice President (2026-2030) *pending (Summer)*

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2025 – 2026 *President, Midwest Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) (cont.)*
- ◆ *Journal of Crime & Justice* special issue for MCJA 50th Anniversary
 - ◆ Guest Editors selected
 - ◆ Dena C. Carson & Breanne Pleggenkuhle
 - ◆ *Regional Contexts, National Questions: Criminal Justice Research in the Flyover States*
 - ◆ Expected publication in early 2027
 - ◆ Review & selection of conference hotel (2028-2030)
 - ◆ 2025 Audit Report
 - ◆ Recommendations & best practices implemented
 - ◆ 2026 Constitutional Amendments *pending vote (September)*
 - ◆ Art. IV, § 7 (Officers – Secretary)
 - ◆ Art. VI, § 7 (Chairpersons and Committees – Auditing Committee)
 - ◆ 2026 Bylaws Amendment *pending vote (September)*
 - ◆ Art. III, § 4 (Duties of Officers – Secretary)
 - ◆ 49th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 24-25, 2026)
 - ◆ Theme: *Will the Center Hold?: Evidence-Based Practice & Community Trust in an Era of Shifting Truths*
 - ◆ Keynote: Chris Sullivan – E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime & Violence, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*
- Reviewer & Chair – Practitioner & Tom Castellano [service] awards*
Faculty Reviewer & Chair – Student Travel Scholarship awards
- 2024 – 2025 *1st Vice President, MCJA*
- Reviewer – Practitioner & Tom Castellano [service] awards*
Faculty Reviewer – Student Travel Scholarship awards
Chair – Program Committee
- ◆ 48th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 25-26, 2025)
 - ◆ Organized & supported conference
 - ◆ 30 Sessions, 108 papers, & 14 student posters
 - ◆ +50% Sessions & +64% papers vs. 2024
 - ◆ ~\$4,000 Sponsorship facilitated
- 2025 *External Reviewer (Chair) – Program Assessment & Review, Department of Justice Studies, Missouri Southern State University*
- 2023 – 2024 *2nd Vice President, MCJA*
- Faculty Reviewer – Student Travel Scholarship awards*
Co-Chair – Program Committee
- ◆ 47th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 26-27, 2024)
 - ◆ \$18,000 Sponsorship facilitated
 - ◆ 28 Sponsors, 12 advertisers, & 3 exhibit hall tables
 - ◆ +187% Sponsorships & +125% money raised vs. 2023
- 2024 *Volunteer, Chicagoland Lab Rescue*

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

2020 – 2024	Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Prairie Avenue Lofts ♦ Oversaw annual operations (~\$1 million) for 136-unit building <i>President</i> (2021 – 2022; 2022 – 2023; 2023 – 2024) <i>At-Large Director</i> (2020 – 2021)
2023	<i>Faculty Reviewer</i> – Graduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA
2023	<i>Faculty Reviewer</i> – Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA
2023	<i>Hotel Selection Committee</i> , MCJA
2022	<i>Faculty Reviewer</i> – Graduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA
2022	<i>Faculty Reviewer</i> – Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA
2022	<i>Faculty Reviewer</i> – Graduate Student Paper Competition, MCJA
2021	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Exploring Criminal Gangs, Groups, & Organizations” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2019 – 2021	<i>Level II Volunteer</i> , Chicago Public Schools
2020	<i>Election Judge</i> , Chicago Board of Election Commissioners
2017 – 2020	<i>Ambassador</i> – BGSU One Day Fundraising Campaign, Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
2019	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Questions of Victimization & Offending” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2017	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Surveys & Assessments: Studying Offenders & Correctional Practitioners” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2013 – 2016	<i>Membership Committee</i> , Division of Victimology – American Society of Criminology (ASC)
2016	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Prison Misconduct & Critiques of Mass Incarceration” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2016	<i>Career & Graduate School Fair: Representative</i> – Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2015	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Qualitative Research on Specific Offenders and Offenses” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2014	<i>Faculty Representative</i> – Division of Victimology – ASC, ASC Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
2012	<i>Session Chair</i> – “Issues in Juvenile Justice: Victimization, Changes in Family Structure, & Life without Parole” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2011	<i>Discussant</i> – “Why Should I Attend a Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice or Criminology?” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2010	<i>Editor</i> , <u>The MCJA Minute</u> , MCJA
2009 – 2010	<i>Vice-President</i> , Criminology & Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, UMSL
2007 – 2008	<i>Criminal Justice Senator</i> , Graduate Student Senate, BGSU
2006 – 2008	<i>Student Member</i> , University Discipline Committee, BGSU
2006 – 2007	<i>Senator</i> , Undergraduate Student Government, BGSU <i>Academic Affairs Committee</i>

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2006 – 2007 *Undergraduate Student Representative*, Committee on Academic Affairs – Faculty Senate, BGSU
- 2006 – 2007 *University Advising Network*, BGSU
- Summer 2006 *Dignitary Protection Division Intern*, U. S. Department of State: Diplomatic Security Service (Washington, D.C./Arlington, VA)
- Summer 2005 *Service Port of Cleveland Intern*, U. S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Customs & Border Protection (Middleburg Heights, OH)

Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer

Crime & Delinquency; Criminal Justice and Behavior; Journal of Crime & Justice; Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology; Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology; Justice Quarterly; Policing & Society; Social Problems; The Sociological Quarterly; Youth

Ad-hoc Manuscript & Proposal Reviewer

Oxford University Press; Routledge/Taylor & Francis Publishing; Rowman & Littlefield; Sage Publications

Awards & HonorsTeaching

- 2025 [Top Finalist](#) – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2024 *Candidate* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2024 *Nominee** – Magis Teaching Award for Part-Time Instructors, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC [**Ineligible due to FT status*]
- 2023 *Nominee* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2023 *Nominee* – Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2021 *Nominee* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2020 *Candidate* – Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences, LUC
- 2017 *Candidate* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2017 Faculty Appreciation Award (Spring 2017), Lambda Mu Chapter – Chi Omega Fraternity, LUC

Awards & Honors (cont.)Other

- 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award – Honorable Mention, MCJA
- 2009 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Scholarship, UMSL
- 2009 E. Desmond Lee Scholarship in Comparative Criminology, UMSL
- 2009 Study Abroad Scholarship, Center for International Studies, UMSL
- 2008 Graduate Student Paper Award, MCJA
- 2007 Gerald Rigby Honor Student Award, Criminal Justice Program, BGSU
- 2007 Outstanding Senior Award, Alumni Association and Student Alumni Connection, BGSU
- 2007 The Sabre & Key Honor Society, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 2007 Falcon Top 10% Award, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities, BGSU
- 2007 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
- 2007 PILLARS Grant, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2007 Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society
- 2006 Andrew Lawrence Rowe Memorial Award, Criminal Justice Program, BGSU
- 2006 Alumni Book Scholarship, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2006 Gregory T. DeCrane Applauding Excellence Student Life Award – Leadership, Office of Campus Involvement, BGSU
- 2006 Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon Award – Class of 2007 Recipient, Student Alumni Connection, BGSU
- 2006 Falcon Top 10% Award, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities, BGSU
- 2006 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
- 2006 Gamma Sigma Alpha National Academic Greek Honor Society
- 2006 PILLARS Grant, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2006 Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society
- 2005 Gregory T. DeCrane Applauding Excellence Student Life Award – Leadership, Office of Campus Involvement, BGSU
- 2004 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First Year Collegiate Students
- 2003 Avon Lake Scholarship, North Coast Regional Chamber of Commerce

BGSU Alumni Association

- Roll Along Society (2019 – Present)
- Leadership Circle (2012 – Present)
- Carillon Society (2009 – Present)

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology
Division of Victimology
Eurogang Research Program
Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

<i>Service Employees International Union (SEIU)</i> , Local 73	(2022 – Present)
LUC Faculty Forward	(2022 – Present)